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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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For: METHOD OF PRODUCING PIEZOELECTRIC COMPONENT AND PIEZOELECTRIC COMPONENT

☐ Applicant(s) claim(s) benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of United States provisional application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_

## Enclosed are:

68 Pages of Specification

28 Sheet(s) of drawings (☒ formal ☐ informal)☐ Declaration and Power of Attorney ☒ Will follow.
☐ Form PTO-1595 and an Assignment of the invention Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd. of 26-10 Tenjin 2-chome, Nagaokakyo-shi, Kyoto-fu 617-8555, JAPAN ☒ Will follow

☒ A certified copy of Japanese Patent Appln. Nos. 2002-354712 filed December 6, 2002 and 2003-378190 filed November 7, 2003, from which priority is claimed in the subject case pursuant to Rule 55b and 35 U.S.C. 119. ☐ Will follow
☐ Request for Non-publication of Application Under 35 USC 122(b)(2)(B)(i)☒ Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO 1449, and 10 cited reference(s).☐ Change of Correspondence Address☐ Information Sheet☒ General authorization/request to Petition for Extensions of Time☒ Return Postcard

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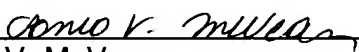
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